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It is respectfully requested that the reference JP4-7236 (copy, including English language abstract, is enclosed) cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

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